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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4662

AMCONSUL LUANDA IMMEDIATE

INFO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

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AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

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1. MAJOR SOARES, AIRLIFT COORDINATOR, CALLED ON OCTOBER 20
STATING THAT THE GOP WAS NOW REQUESTING THAT U.S. PROVIDE THE
TWO ADDITIONAL PLANES PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED AND ANNOUNCED FOR THE
AIRLIFT. HE REQUESTED THAT THE FLIGHTS BEGIN ASAP BETWEEN
LUANDA AND LISBON.

2. SUCH FLIGHTS WOULD CONTINUE IN PRINCIPLE UNTIL TERMINATION
OF AIRLIFT OCTOBER 31, ALTHOUGH CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR
EXTENSION BEYOND THAT DATE IS STILL ESSENTIAL.

3. SOARES STATED THAT FROM A LEVEL OF 1300 PASSENGERS PER
DAY A WEEK AGO FLOW HAS INCREASED TO 3000 PER DAY OR AN
ESTIMATED TOTAL OF 30,000 TO BE TRANSPORTED BETWEEN
OCTOBER 21 AND 31. HE EXPLAINED INCREASE ON RECENT GOP
ANNOUNCEMENT THAT REFUGEES WHO DID NOT SHOW UP FOR FLIGHT WOULD
NOT BE GIVEN ANOTHER CHANCE. IN ADDITION HE SAID THAT SOME
FAMILIES IN ISOLATED AREAS WHO HAD THOUGHT OF REMAINING
IN ANGOLA WERE MAKING BELATED DECISIONS TO LEAVE AS THEY
SAW PORTUGUESE TROOPS LEAVING.

4. HE STATED THAT REQUIREMENT ALSO RESULTED FROM THE DIVERSION
OF SOME TAP FLIGHTS TO CARRY CAPE VERDE REFUGEES FROM LUANDA
TO SAL, AS WELL AS THE USE OF SOME CONTRACT OR TAP FLIGHTS
TO HAUL REFUGEES' EFFECTS.

5. WE TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO INFORM SOARES OF OPERATIONAL
PROBLEMS IN LUANDA E.G. LACK OF GROUND
EQUIPMENT, ESPECIALLY GENERATORS AND SHORTAGE OF GROUND
PERSONNEL FOR PROCESSING. HE STATED THAT HE WOULD TAKE WHAT
MEASURES HE COULD FROM HERE THROUGH TAP.

6. FOR CONGEN LUANDA: REQUEST YOU CONFIRM INCREASED REFUGEE
FLOW.

7. WHILE WE RECOGNIZE THAT OPERATIONAL PROBLEMS REMAIN, WE
REQUEST ON BASIS OF INCREASED NEED THAT TWO ADDITIONAL U.S.
AIRCRAFT BE PREPARED IMMEDIATELY TO ENTER AIRLIFT.
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